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The Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a UTILITY patent application for filing as identified below:

**Inventor(s):** Dennis Rivard, Zhendong Liu and Fan Kun  
**Title:** AUTOMATIC VALVE ASSEMBLY FOR A COOLER RESERVOIR  
**Drawings:** Six Sheets of Drawings Depicting Figures 1-11.

**Please note that the subject patent application qualifies for Small Entity Status.**

Basic Fee ----- \$ 385.00

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1 Claim over 20 x \$9.00 ---- \$ 9.00

    Claims over 20 x \$18.00 ---- \$

0 Independent claims over  
3 x \$43.00 ----- \$ 0.00

    Independent claims over  
3 x \$86.00 ----- \$

0 Multiple dependent claims  
\$130.00 ----- \$

    Multiple dependent claims  
\$260.00 ----- \$


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**This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon Canadian Patent Application Ser. No. 2,421,801 filed March 13, 2003.**

  X   A check in the amount of \$394.00 is attached hereto to cover the filing fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 13-2759.

Respectfully submitted,

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